



**Virginia Emergency Operations Center  
Severe Weather/Local Damage  
Situation Report  
As of 2230 hours 16 August 2007**

**Situation:**

Thunderstorm activity consisting of damaging winds, hail and rain began to impact Central Virginia on Thursday evening, 16 August causing flash flooding, downed trees and power lines. NWS Wakefield has indicated that this storm is capable of causing additional damage in Central Virginia before it transits the Commonwealth. Dominion Virginia Power Central Office has reported 43,000 users without power and no estimated restoration time. Rappahannock Electric Co-op has reported 5000-8000 users without power and no estimated restoration time.

**Weather:**

Thursday night-Scattered thunderstorms. Lows near 75 with winds South 15-25 mph. As indicated by NWS Baltimore/Washington a new line of thunderstorm activity capable of producing damaging winds in excess of 60 mph and continuous lightning is approaching Harrisonburg/Rockingham County area as of 1020 hours. NWS Wakefield reports that strong thunderstorm activity capable of producing damaging winds has progressed to a new warning area for Central Virginia as of 1020 hours. Friday-Isolated thunderstorms. High 96 with winds WSW 5-10 mph.

**Local Activities**

Local Emergency Declarations: None

Local Emergency Operations Centers Activated: None

Evacuations/Shelters: None reported Open

Damage Reports:

Louisa County-Emergency Services Coordinator Mike Schlemmer contacted State EOC at 1910 hours reference numerous road closures and downed trees due to recent Severe Thunderstorm activity in their county. He requested the State EOC to contact VDOT EOC reference providing him assistance with removing downed trees and debris. As of 2035 hours, Schlemmer advised the following:

- VDOT crews on scene assisting
- 60 roads blocked
- 7000 citizens without power
- No major damage to infrastructure reported
- Contact has been made with Reg Coord Bruce Sterling

Albemarle County-Citizen called and reported to State EOC seeing a funnel cloud about 10 miles North of Charlottesville. State EOC verified information w/ NWS and they had no such reports. State EOC also contacted Albermarle EOC –no reports as well.

**State Activities:**

- Department of Emergency Management: Virginia Emergency Operations Center monitoring Louisa County situation and National Weather Service forecasted advisories and notifying appropriate localities. Coordinated resource request from Louisa County for debris removal assistance. Regional Coordinator Bruce Sterling will respond to Louisa County on 08/17/07 to assist Louisa County Emergency Services. No other localities have contacted the State EOC at this time reference damage.
- Virginia Department of Transportation: Road Crews on scene in Louisa County. No additional crew members have been dispatched to any other area in the Commonwealth.
- Virginia State Police: No road closure information received for the Commonwealth.

**Projected Actions**

- Continue monitoring situation with Louisa County and National Weather Service
- Respond to any local requests for assistance received
- Coordination with State Agencies

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